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The amendment filed June 21, 2004 with the Request for Continued Examination is non-compliant as described in the attachment.

NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Newly submitted claims 25-39 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally presented invention was directed to an apparatus for data entry at a gaming table. The newly claimed invention is directed toward a method for recording gaming table transactions. The inventions are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the claimed process can be practiced by hand or by point of sale device. Likewise, the apparatus can be used to perform a different process such as executing a retail transaction at a point of sale terminal.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 25-39 withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Resultantly, the amendment filed on June 21, 2004 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

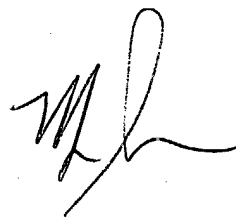
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unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris H Banks can be reached on 703-308-1745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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